

**DADE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**
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BOA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 8th, 2026 (Thursday)

The **DADE COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** was held Thursday, January 8th, 2026 at 5:00 pm., in the Dade County Tax Assessors Office. The meeting met the requirements of the Georgia Sunshine Law.

Chairman Donny Williams called the meeting to order. Board members present were: Donny Williams, Allen Walters, James Eckhardt, and Richard Stephens. Jeff Poston was absent. Staff members present were: Paula Duvall and Cindy Cross.

Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Board Secretary for 2026. Richard Stephens made the motion for Donny Williams as Chairperson, Allen Walters 2nd the motion. James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Richard Stephens all voted Yes, motion passed. Richard Stephens made a motion for Allen Walters as Vice Chairperson, James Eckhardt 2nd the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed. Allen Walters made a motion for Cindy Cross to remain as Secretary, Richard Stephens 2nd the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed.

Meeting Minutes –Richard Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11th, 2025, and James Eckhardt 2nd the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed.

Budget Report Reviewed

Tax Payer Review-none

E&R's & NOD's- approved

Old Business- Whole Life Center Church-approved Appeal to send to Superior Court. James Eckhardt made a motion to approve sending Appeal to Superior Court, Allen Walters 2nd the motion. James Eckhardt, Donny Williams, Richard Stephens, and Allen Walters all voted Yes, motion passed.

New Business-

* **CUV Release**-parcel 015 00 079 00. Allen Walters made a motion to approve Release, James Eckhardt 2nd the motion. Allen Walters, Donny Williams, Richard Stephens, and James Eckhardt all voted Yes, motion passed.

***Appeal Waivers**- Richard Stephens made a motion to approve Appeal Waivers for parcels 004 00 092 00, 003 00 012 00, 009 00 081 01, and 054 00 042 02, Allen Walters 2nd the motion. Richard Stephens, Allen Walters, Donny Williams, and James Eckhardt all voted Yes, motion passed.

***Public Utilities**-James Eckhardt made a motion to approve Public Utilities 2025, Richard Stephens 2nd the motion. Donny Williams, Allen Walters, James Eckhardt, and Richard Stephens all voted Yes, motion passed.

***Homestead Exemptions**-Richard Stephens made a motion to approve various 2026 exemptions, Allen Walters 2nd the motion. Donny Williams, Allen Walters, Richard Stephens, and James Eckhardt all voted Yes, motion passed.

***2026 Sales Ratio** – Chief Appraiser Paula Duvall discussed with Board members.

Chairperson Donny Williams announced the next board meeting scheduled for February 12th, 2026 @ 5 pm.

Richard Stephens made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 5:33 PM, James Eckhardt 2nd the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Cindy Cross, Secretary- Dade County Board of Assessors